

# WHAT'S LEFT IN BOSTON

*A Community Calendar of Progressive Cultural & Political Events*

## Who rules Boston?



"A small and relatively invisible group of men run Boston. They are not elected by the voters but their daily decisions shape the lives of millions of Boston area residents. Their power is based on the control of large institutions, money and property. It endures no matter who the voters elect as mayor, city councillors, school committee members. Their collective power, when organized, is greater than that of the elected representative government.

Boston's power structure is not headquartered in any one bank, corporation, or law firm. It is an interlocking network of businessmen who share the common purpose of making Boston a good place to do business. To promote this goal, they have formed a variety of business organizations through which they meet, exchange ideas, sponsor studies, lobby and influence politicians, and (whenever possible) present a "united front" to the public.

The men who comprise Boston's power structure are not powerful as individuals. Their power derives from their positions at the top of the city's major banks, insurance companies, retailers and manufacturers, utilities, and law firms. These men control the enormous wealth of large corporations.

The Boston power structure is not a monolithic or invincible conspiracy. There is no single controlling financial family in Boston, such as the Mellons of Pittsburgh or the DuPonts of Delaware. There are occasional conflicts within the Boston power structure over specific issues or policies--such as Proposition 2 1/2. And the power structure sometimes can be neutralized, especially when citizens act in a united and well organized manner.

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Elections can make a difference. They can change the balance of power between rival groups within the power structure. They can put individuals into elected office who represent organized citizens, and who can curb the influence of the power structure by enacting such policies as rent control, progressive taxation of business, or workplace safety and environmental regulations.

Many of these men believe that they do not wield power or influence, that they merely do their jobs with little room for maneuver. But by virtue of their positions at the command posts of powerful business corporations, these men exercise the ultimate power over how Boston is run. Most of them, however, do not live in Boston.

If ordinary citizens are to gain more control over these institutions they must first understand how the power structure works. Ultimately, citizens have greater power than they realize--their votes, their consumer dollars, and their labor makes our city and our country work. But rarely have citizens organized their resources effectively.

Unlike the business power structure, citizens usually do not organize collectively to reach their common goals. When they do--through political and consumer groups, tenants and women's organizations, labor unions, and other ways--they can wield enormous influence. If citizens do not organize themselves, they will be organized by the business community, determining where they can live, the prices of goods and services, and the quality of their neighborhoods and workplaces.

Part of the power structure's power is its ability to create a mystique about itself. Its members do not like exposure. When they do "go public", they like to be able to control the timing and the setting--usually through interviews with friendly reporters or business-sponsored public meetings which are carefully controlled. But while the power structure seeks to surround itself with a veil of mystery and secrecy, it is possible to penetrate that veil."

So begins *Who Rules Boston?*, a very illuminating book published in 1984 by the Institute for Democratic Socialism (Democratic Socialists of America). Although many of the names (of powerful persons) may have changed by now, DSA's analysis of Boston's power structure remains highly relevant. Part One--"The Use and Abuse of Power"--presents a general history of Boston's politics and the evolution of the power structure. Parts Two and Three--"The Business of Politics", and "The Junior Partners"--present detailed descriptions of the various organizations through which the ruling class rules. The organizations discussed are: The Vault, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Greater Boston Real Estate Board, Boston Municipal Research Bureau, Massachusetts Business Roundtable, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Massachusetts High Technology Council, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Corporate Law Firms, The Arts Establishment, The United Way, Boston Survey Group, Hospitals, Universities, the *Boston Globe*, and social clubs. Part Four presents ideas for working toward a more democratic society.

## Democratic Socialists of America

America seems to be holding its breath, trying to decide what kind of society it wants to be. Just as the Depression of the 1930s was a major turning point in our history, so is the present period. We are witnessing a tug-of-war for the hearts and minds of the American people.

Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), a national organization with chapters in over 50 cities, is committed to nursing our sick democracy back to health. The job of democratizing America was only half-done in the 1930s. In the next period, we have to go as far beyond the New Deal as the New Deal went beyond the ruthlessness of "free-market" capitalism.

As in all periods of crisis, Americans are scared and looking for new answers. DSA wants to give Americans a real choice: To vote *against* the multinational corporations that pick their pockets, spoil their environment, take their jobs overseas, and pressure the Pentagon to police the world to protect corporate profits. And to vote *for* democratizing corporations, taxing the wealthy, using government to protect workers, the poor and all oppressed groups, and making public officials more accountable.

Through its various activities, DSA presents a vision of a more democratic, humane society. But to reach that long-term goal, we recognize the need to work in the day-to-day struggles for social and economic justice. DSA's effectiveness depends on building a grassroots movement to make democratic socialism a political force in America. This is a two-part process.

First, DSA is committed to building strong grassroots movement on a wide variety of issues. In Boston and around the nation, DSAers are involved in the women's movement, the citizen action and tenants movements, trade unions, environmental and consumer groups, human rights organizations, peace and nuclear freeze campaigns, civil rights, and gay activism. The Boston local, with over 400 members, includes members of 9 to 5, Jobs With Peace, Massachusetts Tenants Organization, MORAL, MASS-PIRG, and many other activist groups.

Second, DSA recognizes that for progressive movements to build on and defend past successes, they need to unite and to use their muscle in the political arena. Inside and outside the electoral arena, DSA has helped bring leaders and activists together in coalitions. We have been active in campaigns of progressive and socialist politicians--people like Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago; City Councillors Ruth Messinger of New York and David Sullivan of Cambridge; Supervisor Harry Britt of San Francisco; Congressmen Ron Dellums of California, John Conyers of Michigan, and Barney Frank of Massachusetts; State legislators Tom Gallagher of Boston and Julian Bond of Georgia.

The Boston local of DSA holds monthly educational meetings on political and social issues. DSA sponsors a Boston Democratic Socialist School each semester, including such courses as "Introduction to Democratic Socialism", "Labor History", "Grassroots Organizing", "Socialist Feminism", "The Law and the Left," and others. Our committees work in a variety of feminist, labor, anti-racist, peace, religious, community and other struggles. Our Youth Section organizes campus chapters across New England. Members receive our monthly newsletter, *Yankee Radical*. Each year, we present our Debs-Thomas-Bernstein Award, named for Eugene Debs, Norman Thomas, and Julius Bernstein (long time leader of Boston socialists). Recent recipients include Frank Manning, Ellen Feingold, Hubie Jones, Harvey Cox, Father Mortimer Gavin, and Jerome Grossman.

DSA, born of a merger in 1982 of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee (DSOC) and the New American Movement (NAM) now boasts over 600 members nationwide. Our members include:

**William Winpisinger**, President of the International Association of Machinists, **Barbara Ehrenreich**, feminist author and activist, **Congressman Ronald Dellums** of California, **Stella Nowicki**, CIO organizer featured in the film, *Union Maids*,



Harry Britt, San Francisco Supervisor and gay activist, Ed Asner, President of the Screen Actors Guild and star of "Lou Grant". Manning Marable, syndicated columnist (including *Bay State Banner*), author and black activist, Ruth Messinger, New York City Council member, Irving Howe, author, critic and editor of *Dissent*, Stanley Aronowitz, activist and author of *False Promises*, Richard Healey, executive director of the Coalition for a New Military and Foreign Policy, Dorothy Healey, radio commentator and long time activist, Julian Bond, civil rights leader and Georgia legislator, and Steve Max, a leader of Citizen Action and the Midwest Academy.

## Information About DSA

For more information about the Boston Chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America, call (617) 426-9026, or write 186 South Street, 4th Floor, Boston, Ma. 02111.

Chapter dues are \$50 (sustaining), \$35 (regular), or \$15 (limited income). Dues include subscriptions to two DSA publications, *Democratic Left*, and *The Yankee Radical*.

You can subscribe to the national DSA monthly, *Democratic Left*, for \$8.00 a year (ten issues). For \$5 annually (10 issues), you can receive the Boston DSA newsletter, *Yankee Radical*.

## Book Review

John F. Manley and Kenneth M. Dolbeare, editors, *The Case Against the Constitution: From the Antifederalists to the Present*, M.E. Sharpe, 1987, \$13.00, 199 pages

The Black Panthers were on the right track when they called for a new constitutional convention in the fall of 1970. This was an initiative which unfortunately has not been followed up by radicals during the twenty years since. If a nation-wide convention were convened today, the Left would be hard pressed to come up with a decent document. The Right, however, is busy preparing for such an event, or for simply amending the present constitution in various ways to render it more tightly managerial and elitist. One of the essays in this book is a study by Jeanne Hahn of the work of the Committee on the Constitutional System". The recommendations of this committee would, according to Hahn, make the U.S. government even more impervious to popular influence than it already is.

Nevertheless, and in spite of the sickening display of putrid emotions surrounding the bicentennial celebrations, there seems to be reemerging an awareness, however dim, that the constitution is part of the problem and is a useful point of attack in resisting Corporate America and fighting for real democracy. The knowledge that the constitution is a ruling class document has never been lost entirely, although for long periods it has been very nearly so, at least for the vast majority (in marked contrast to the revolutionary period itself and for decades thereafter, when the majority of Americans opposed the Constitution).

The present book helps to keep alive this suppressed, (once) majority tradition. The book begins with chapter length excerpts from two of the classic scholarly critiques of the constitution. Most people are aware of Beard's study, but perhaps fewer have heard of J. Allen Smith, *The Spirit of American Government*, 1907. Next the editors reprint two antifederalist papers from the 1780s, plus a

chapter of excerpts from Main's study of the antifederalists. Finally, there are three contemporary essays which extend and refine the radical critique. All in all, this volume is an excellent introduction to the history of democratic opposition to the document that has served the propertied classes so well.

Jerry Fresia, *Toward an American Revolution: Exposing the Constitution and other Illusions*, South End Press, 1988

This book is an unrelenting attack on the myth that we in America live in a democratic society. Fresia pulls together much of the radical research on the constitution, as well as recent radical research on a wide range of topics such as political repression, secret budgets, covert operations, environmental pollution, foreign intervention, corporate crimes, and secret police, and links all these directly to the structure of power established by the Constitution.

Briefly put, and without the supporting documentation, the Constitution established an imperial system designed to protect the privileges of the propertied few against the disadvantaged many. The 1787 convention met in secret, worked against its mandate (which had been merely to revise the Articles of Confederation), and sealed its records for half a century. The same class of men who fought against Shays Rebellion during 1786-87 and similar uprisings throughout the Colonies, are the ones who wrote the Constitution and have put down popular protests with superior force ever since. The Constitution is itself one of their major weapons.

Fresia endeavors throughout the book to show that contemporary events such as the Iran-Contra scandal, which the establishment portrays as aberrations, are in fact typical practice of the ruling elites. For example, Thomas Jefferson, as President in 1803, organized a covert operation against a North African nation not all that different from Reagan's adventures in Iran.

Fresia believes that the problem is not to get *back* to the values of the so-called "founding fathers" (who after all were no different than our Rockefellers and Reagans), but to get *beyond* their own values to *our* values. The common people were held in contempt by the men who wrote the constitution, just as they are today by the government, and as they have been for the last 200 years. It is time to put an end to ruling class arrogance and oppression.

## Other Useful Works

1. Foner, Philip S., ed, *We the Other People: Alternative Declarations of Independence by Labor Groups, Farmers, Women's Rights Advocates, Socialists, and Blacks, 1829-1975*, Illinois U.P., 1976
2. Domhoff, G. William, *Who Rules America Now?*, Prentice-Hall, 1983
3. Lundberg, Ferdinand, *Cracks in the Constitution*, 1980, Lyle Stuart
4. Parenti, Michael, *Democracy for the Few*, St. Martin's, 1974
5. Storing, Herbert J. ed. *The Complete Anti-Federalist*, Chicago U.P. 1981
6. Main, Jackson Turner, *The Antifederalists: Critics of the Constitution 1781-1788*, Norton, 1961
7. Lynd, Staughton, *Class Conflict, Slavery, and the United States Constitution*, Bobbs-Merrill, 1967



**Wed 1** through Jan 7, 1990 **On the Passage of a Few People Through a Rather Brief Moment in Time: the Situationist International, 1957-1972.** This exhibition documents the S.I.'s impact on contemporary culture and politics, from the French students' movement to the creation of British Punk. At the Institute for Contemporary Art, 955 Boylston St, Boston.

12:10 pm - 2:00 pm **Broadening the Scope: Gender and international Economic Development** a talk by Dr. Maria Patricia Fernandez-Kelly, professor at the Institute for Policy Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Co-sponsored by MIT's Dept. of Urban Studies and Planning and the Program in Women's Studies at MIT. Reservations must be made in advance, as a luch will be served. At Bldg 10, rm 400, 77 Mass Ave, MIT, Cambridge. For reservations call 253-5915

**Thurs 2** **Black Folks Theater Co. Presents a Showcase of One Act Plays featuring *Man and Soul* by Edgar White, *Every Goodbye Ain't Gone* by Bill Harris and *Hospice* by Pearl Cleage.** At the C Walsh Theatre, Suffolk University. Performances, Thurs, Fri, Sat, November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11 at 8:00 pm, Sat. November 4 and 11 matinee at 3:00 pm, Sundays, November 5 and 12 at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 students and elders. Info: 427-1595

7:00 pm **Author Margaret Walker**, Professor Emeritus of English at Jackson State University in Mississippi, will speak about her novel *Jubilee*, her new book of poems, and her work on Richard Wright. The event is the final program in the MIT Women's Studies Program's Black Women Writers: Texts and Critics Fall 1989 Series. Info: 253-8844

**Fri 3** 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Remo Campopiano: In Residence.** Minneapolis-based Remo Campopiano is interested in systems of social order and has created projects ranging from a look at the Bill of Rights to an examination of spiritual aspiration. He creates environments containing live animals such as ants, rats, fish and birds to embody the metaphor for his vision. At MIT he is constructing a space based on the four axes of the Native American Medicine wheel as a means of establishing a grounded center between the pull of the mind and the emotions. At the MIT List Visual Arts Center, Wiesner Building, 20 Ames St, Cambridge. Free. Hours: Mon-Fri 12-6, Weekends 1-5. Info: 253-4680

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm **Men Who Cook** for Women for Economic Justice. Join in a unique celebration where 75 celebrities, friends and spouses will bring, serve and share their favorite dishes to benefit Women for Economic Justice. At Villa Victoria, 85 West Newton St, South End, Boston. Info: 426-9734

8:00 pm **Never Surrender: the Local 26 Housing Strategy**, a talk with Dominic Bozzotto and Bruce Marks at room 9-150, 105 Mass. Ave, MIT in Cambridge. Free. Sponsored by the Black Rose Fall Lectures. Info: 524-0781

8:30 pm **Voices from the Grassroots**, a talk with Amilcar Mendez, founder to the CERJ (council of ethnic communities "Everyone's Equal"), a 5000 member human rights organization of indigenous people in rural Guatemala to protest the "civil defense patrols". At the Paulist Center, 5 Park St., Boston (at Park St T stop). There will be a special reception preceeding the talk from 6-8 pm with Mr Mendez. Talk \$5.00, reception \$25-50 donation. Info: 492-8699. Wheelchair accessible.

8:30 pm - midnight **Lesbian/Gay/Bi Swing and Ballroom Dance.** Casual dress. Smoke-free. Beginners welcome (swing lesson 8:30 pm - 9:15 pm). Admission \$4.00 At the 2nd floor of Ballet, etc, 185 Corey Road, Brookline, one block off the Washington St stop on the BC green line. Info: 661-1792

# NOVEMBER

"The harm in bureaucracy does not only lie in red tape as some comrades would want us to believe... The harm lies in the solution of all problems, not by means of an open exchange of opinions or by the immediate efforts of all concerned, but by means of formal decisions handed down from central institutions. These decisions are arrived at either by one person or by an extremely limited collective, wherein the interested people are quite often entirely absent. *Some third person decides your fate: This is the whole essence of bureaucracy.*"

from *Workers Opposition*, 1921

Alexandra Kollontai--the only woman member of the Bolshevik central committee and the USSR's first Minister of Social Welfare--is known today as a historic contributor to the international women's movement, and as one of the first Bolshevik leaders to oppose the growth of the bureaucracy in the young socialist state.

Her *Selected Writings* discuss the social democratic movement before the First World War, the history of the Russian women's movement, and the debate between "feminist" and "socialist" women; the effects of the war on European socialism; the revolution; the part played by women in the revolutionary events; the early manifestations of buraurcracy and Kollontai's role as spokeswoman for the "workers' opposition"; and morality, sexual politics, the family, and prostitution. It also includes writings from her later life as a Soviet official.

Among her many books are *The Social Basis of the Woman Question* (1909), *Society and Maternity* (1913), *The New Morality and the Working Class* (1921), *Workers Opposition* (1921), *Communism and the Family* (1919), *Love of Worker Bees* (1913), *Autobiography of a Sexually Emancipated Woman* (1926)

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Alexandra Kollontai in the Ukraine 1919

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**Sun 12** 7:00 pm **Global Warming: What Can We Do About the Greenhouse Effect?** Forum with Dr. Henry Kendall, professor at MIT and Congresswoman

**Fri 17** Fri 17 - Sun 19 **Gathering of Jewish-Lssbians whose parent or parents survived the holocaust.** In New Hampshire. Come for a weekend of workshops, networking and support around this shared issue. Info: JLDHS, Box 6194, Boston, Ma. 02114

8:00 pm **Remaking Love: Feminism and the Sexual Revolution**, a talk with Barbara Ehrenreich at MIT, room 9-150, 105 Mass Ave, Cambridge. Sponsored by Black Rose Fall Lectures. Free. Info: 524-0781

8:00 pm **Peace at Last in El Salvador?** a talk with Randolph Ryan, columnist and editorial writer for the Boston Globe. At Bedford Town Center on Mudge Way. Sponsored by Bedford Central America Network. Free. Info: Lisa @ 275-0899 or Alan @ 275-9261

**Sat 18** 10:45 am **BBWN/BBMN Monthly Dim Sum Brunch.** Come join us for yummy food and good company. Meet under the arch in Chinatown. Average cost: \$6-\$8/person. Women and men welcome. Info: 247-6683

10:00 am - 4:00 pm **War Tax Resistance Workshop** sponsored by New England War Tax Resistance at the Friends Center, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge (near Harvard T Station). Nonviolence training, especially for supporters of Betsy Comer and Randy Kehler who are threatened with eviction by the IRS for refusal to pay military taxes., Bring a bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Admission: \$3. Info: NE/WTR, P.O. Box 174, MIT Branch, Cambridge 02139, Tel 731-6139

11:00 am - 12:30 pm **Single Mothers Support Group Begins.** A single mothers' support group will have its first meeting at the Cambridge Women's Center. This is an informal, monthly meeting for single mothers who need a supportive environment to discuss any parenting issues. We hope to meet other single mothers who feel isolated not only because of single parenthood, but also because of political convictions and alternative (by choice or otherwise) ways of living. Although the meeting is primarily for single mothers, all mothers who can give or need support are welcome. Bring your children. Child care will be provided. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge., info: 354-8807. Wheelchair Accessible.

**Sun 19** 2:00 pm **Helen Caldicott Talks On the Environment.** At the First Baptist Church, 848 Beacon St, Newton (on the Newton Centre/Riverside line). This is a benefit for Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Women's Peace Initiative. A brunch will precede the talk (11:00 am 0- 1:00 pm) with Helen and members of the women's delegation reporting back from the USSR. Talk \$10, \$5 students/seniors, Brunch \$35. Info: 332-1764 or 868-8421

3:00 pm **Patricia Roth Schwartz and Ellen Frye** at New WORDs Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St, Cambridge. Celebrate Patricia's nnew book of short fiction, *The Names of the Moons of Mars* and Ellen Frye's novel, *The Other Sappho* . Free. Info: 876-5310

5:00 pm **What's Left Collective Open Meeting.** The What's Left collective will have an open meeting for anyone interested in meeting the group and possibly getting involved doing the calendar. We need to find more people to work on the calendar, to do promotion, distribution, and help with getting listings., At the Red Book Store, 92 Green St, JP. Info: 522-1464

**Mon 20** 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **History of Socialism** with Howard Zinn. Session # 2 of Boston Democratic Socialists of America's course "Introduction to Democratic Socialism". At First Parish Church, 3 Church St, in Harvard Sq, Cambridge. \$10 for this session if not registered for the series



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**Sat 4** **Speech and Reception for Gregorio Osorio**, Salvadoran labor leader. Sponsored by Massachusetts Labor Committee on Central America, Boston area sister unions and the El Salvador Committee of CASA. For time and place and tix, call CASA at 492-8699

10:30 am - 12:30 pm **Incest Survivors Network Looking for New Members**. Incest Survivors Network is a group of women incest survivors working to provide services, connections and a powerful voice for ourselves and other incest survivors. If you are interested in facilitating discussion groups, compiling resource listings for survivors, public speaking, fundraising, or political action, come meet us at our Informational meeting Nov 4. At the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. info: 354-8807

8:00 pm - 10:30 pm **Fiesta of International Square**. Contra and folk dancing. Benefit for the Newton-Nicaragua Sister City Project. Ted Sanella calling; live music by the Unstrung Heroes. Admission: \$5. At Hyde Gym, Lincoln St, Newton Highlands. Info: Betsy Barker @244-6949

Sat & Sun, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Waltham Mill Artists 13th Annual Open Studios**. Exhibits by Artists for Survival and Artists for Mideast Peace including lifesize war and peace installation and original peace posters from around the world. Also 60 additional artists in all mediums. At Worldwide Building, 144 Moody St, Waltham. Info: Mitch Kamen @891-4235

**Sun 5** 3:00 pm **Ann Ferguson** at New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St, Cambridge. In her new book, *Blood at the Root: Motherhood, Sexuality and Male Dominance*, Ann breaks new ground with feminist theory that combines an analysis of sexuality and women's selfhood with a sharp political analysis of current backlash against feminism. Free. Info: 876-5310

**Mon 6** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm **Tax Resistance Clinic** conducted by New England War Tax Resistance. At the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St, Copley Sq. Info: 731-6139 Wheelchair Accesible

**Tues 7** 7:30 pm **Super Profits and Crises**: an examination of the capitalist economic system. \$3 donation. At the Center for Marxist Education, 550 Mass. Ave, Cambridge. Info: 868-5620

8:00 pm **BiCEP (the Bisexual Committee Engaging in Politics)** meets to view and discuss WGBH's controversial *AIDS Quarterly* show. Free. Call 734-9348 for location.

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4:30 pm - 6:00 pm **Vigil and Protest against presence of U.S. Bases in the Phillipines**. Coincides with Corazon Aquino's visit to the United States. Sponsored by Friends of the Filipino People. At the Government Center T Stop. Info: 354-6338 or 547-7832

7:30 pm **Marxism in Today's Struggles**: discussion and lecture at the Center for Marxist Education, 550 Mass. Ave, Cambridge. \$3 donation. Info: 868-5620

8:00 pm **Capitalism vs. Socialism, A Debate** at the Kennedy School of Government, 79 JFK St. Cambridge. Participants include Boston DSA members Bogdan Denitch and Jim Chapin with Henry Benswanger and John Ridpath and Ayn Rand followers.

**Fri 10** Fri 10-Sun 12 **War Tax Resistance: A Security Measure**. Third gathering of New England ARea at Woolman Hill Conference Center, Deerfield, Ma. Registration deadline is Nov 3. Send \$15 registration fee to Bob Brady, RFD 499A, Colrain, Ma -1340 (413-624-3776). Checks payable to "Pat Morse". Child care will be provided. Please specify the # of children and their ages. Admission \$35 more/less.

7:30 pm **Sabreen** from Jerusalem; celebrating the first anniversary of Palestinian Declaration of Independence. An experience in Palestinian culture at John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St, (intersection of Berkeley and Stuart Sts) Admission: \$10 & \$20. Info: 547-5472

8:00 am **Fundraising for Humano Cultural Project**. Tropical party with Jorge Arce and his group, Humano. D.J. Efrain Collado. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance, At OCBC, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. \$1 will go to Hurricane Hugo Victims Relief Fund. Info: 524-6338 or 492-8699

**Sat 11** and Sun 12 beginning at 9:00 am **10th Anniversary Conference of the U.S. Peace Council**. Workshops include "Saving the Environment from Militarism", "Redirecting our National Priorities to Save Our Cities", "Converting the Economy from Military to Civilian Production", "World without Interventionism", "New Thinking on Disarmament", "Human Rights as a Peace Issue". Speakers include Edward Boorstein, Bruce Boyens, Margaret Burnham, Leslie Cagan, Ken Coates, John CONyers, Gunther Dreifahl, Dick Greenwood, Jerry Grossman, Elaine Hagopian, Gerald Horne, Michio Kaku, Robert Krinsky, Manning Marable, Jack O'Dell, Dennis Rivera, Angela Sambrano, Carrie Saxon-Perry, Bernie Sanders, David Scondras, Holly Sklar, Zehdi Terzi, Dessima Williams. At Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston. Registration: \$25.00. Info: 367-3437

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**Sun 12** 7:00 pm **Global Warming: What Can We Do About the Greenhouse Effect?** Forum with Dr., Henry Kendall, professor at MIT and Congresswoman Claudine Schneider. At the Eli Center, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Ave, Boston. Sponsored by the Ford Hall Forum. Free. Info: 437-5800

8:00 pm **Duet for Hunger and Plenty** at the MIT Media Lab, 20 Ames St, Cambridge. Includes a performance titled *Famine* with music by Todd Machover and words by Rose Moff. Sponsored by Oxfam. Info: 728-2435

**Mon 13** 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Introduction to Democratic Socialism**: a five week course sponsored by Boston Democratic Socialists of America begins with Tom Gallagher on "What is Democratic Socialism". At First Parish Church, 3 Church St, in Harvard Sq, Cambridge. To register, phone DSA at 426-9026. Fee is \$35 for series or \$10 per evening.

**Tues 14** 7:00 pm **Grass Roots Latina Organizing**. A forum featuring Amanda Centeno Espinoza, founder of the first women's construction collective in Nicaragua, and Montserrat Sagot, co-organizer of the first project to combat wife battering in Costa Rica. Sponsored by the Program in Women's Studies at MIT. For more info & location, call 253-8844

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**Thurs 16** 7:30 pm **Marita Golden**, at New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St, Cambridge. In her long-awaited second novel, *Long Distance Life*, Marita captures the history of Black America through the intimate portrait of one family. Free. Info: 876-5310

Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St, Cambridge. Celebrate Patricia's new book of short fiction, *The Names of the Moons of Mars* and Ellen Frye's novel, *The Other Sappho*. Free. Info: 876-5310

5:00 pm **What's Left Collective Open Meeting**. The What's Left collective will have an open meeting for anyone interested in meeting the group and possibly getting involved doing the calendar. We need to find more people to work on the calendar, to do promotion, distribution, and help with getting listings., At the Red Book Store, 92 Green St, JP. Info: 522-1464

**Mon 20** 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **History of Socialism** with Howard Zinn. Session # 2 of Boston Democratic Socialists of America's course "Introduction to Democratic Socialism". At First Parish Church, 3 Church St, in Harvard Sq, Cambridge. \$10 for this session if not registered for the series. Info: 426-9026

**Fri 24** Fri 24-Sat 25 **International Days of Protest Against War Toys!** Contact: War Toys Campaign, C/O WRL/NE, Box 1093, Norwich Ct. 06360 or call 889-5337

**Mon 27** 7:30 pm **Maids and Madames** (1985) a detailed look at how sexism and racism affect black and white women in South Africa and **You Have Struck a Rock** (1981) about women's resistance to apartheid with interviews with black women leaders. Part of the South Africa video/film series at the Cambridge Friends meeting center at 5 Longfellow Park, near Harvard Sq. A discussion will be held afterwards. Donations will be requested to cover rental costs and to raise funds for a group from the meeting who will be visiting South Africa during January 1990 in part to make new media. Info: Skip Schiel @ 926-9649

7:30 **Boston Bisexual Women's Network** will hold their monthly volunteer night. Join us to meet new people, talk, work on BBWN projects and business. All women welcome. Info & directions: 247-6683

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Socialist Feminism** with Diane Balsar. Session 3 of Boston Democratic Socialists of America's course, "Introduction to Democratic Socialism". At the First Parish Church, 3 Church St, in Harvard Sq, Cambridge. \$10 for this session if not registered for the series. Info: 426-9026

8:00 pm **Music And Religion: a Contemporary Perspective**: Mark Harvey, a composer and methodist minister teaches at MIT and is the leader of the Aardvark music group. Sponsored by the Religion and Socialism Commission, Democratic Socialists of America. Free. At the Red Pipe Room, Weston School of Theology, 3 Phillips place, Cambridge. Info: 232-8755

**Thurs 30** 4:00 pm **Women and Music: The Contributions of Women Composers and Musicians**, a lecture by composer/musician Barbara Englesberg. Co sponsored by the Music and Theatre ARTs Program and the Program in Women's Studies at MIT. At Killian Hall, Bldg 14, 1st Floor, 160 Memorial Drive, MIT, Cambridge. Info: 253-8844

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